

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
MAY 17, 2006 MEETING MINUTES**

Director Ware called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM beginning with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Ware stated that adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting.

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1. By forwarding notice thereof to Today's Sunbeam and Elmer Times Co.
 2. By posting notice thereof on the bulletin board in the Salem County Court House and County Administration Building; and
 3. By filing notice thereof in the Offices of the Salem County Clerk and the Clerk of the Board all having been done at least 48 hours in advance.
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ROLL CALL: Freeholder Bobbitt, Freeholder Timberman, Freeholder Lindenmuth, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Simmermon, Freeholder Bestwick, Director Ware were all present.

Freeholder Bobbitt moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the May 3, 2006 meeting. Minutes be received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Sullivan, which carried a vote of 7-0.

Freeholder Bobbitt moved to waive the rules for resolution 2006-218, 2006-228, 2006-229, and 2006-232, seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. The motion carried a vote of 7-0.

Freeholder Bobbitt moved to introduce Bond Ordinance 2006-02 on First Reading, seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. This Bond Ordinance Provides for Capital Improvements of the County of Salem, State of New Jersey, Appropriating the Aggregate Amount of \$328,811.25 consisting of an Amount Currently Appropriated in the County of Salem Adopted Budget which will be reserved in the County of Salem General Capital Fund.

Roll Call produced 7 for, none against. Public Hearing (and adoption) scheduled for Wednesday, June 21, 2006

The Clerk of the Board read the following Special Recognitions:
Proclamation Celebrating Police Appreciation Week

Proclamation Celebrating Armed Forces Day

Proclamation Observing National Tourism Week

Citation Honoring the Members of the Dairy Dandies 4-H Club

Citation Honoring Caleb C. Elwell – Eagle Scout Recipient

Citation Honoring Theodore P. Melancon – Eagle Scout Recipient

Citation Honoring Alexander Bauman – Eagle Scout Recipient

Citation Honoring Mark E. Bitter – Eagle Scout Recipient

Citation Honoring Cordell Carr – Eagle Scout Recipient

Citation Honoring Anthony K. Rose – Eagle Scout Recipient

The Clerk of the Board read the following Correspondence, Departmental Reports, and Committee/commission Reports:

Frank J. Cianfrani, Chief, Regulatory Branch, US Army Corps of Engineers – Public Notice to solicit comments and recommendations concerning issuance of a Department of the Army permit for work located at the following area:

- Fortescue Creek, Downe Township, Cumberland County, New Jersey

James R. Iannone, Acting Executive Director, South Jersey transportation Authority – copy of the May 16th agenda

George D. Warrington, Executive Director, New Jersey Transit Corporation – notice of public hearing concerning programs developed pursuant to the Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Act

Bergen County – resolution calling for an investigation of oil company profits, price of the gasoline petroleum reserve and reducing gas prices at the pump to benefit the citizens of Bergen County

Hunterdon County – 2 resolutions:

- Resolution urging the State of New Jersey to re-evaluate the allocation of motor vehicle court fines, so they are used for Law Enforcement Initiatives which include the continuation of the State Police rural patrol services
- Resolution encouraging the State of New Jersey to continue their responsibility to provide a Deer Recovery Program throughout the State

Mercer County – 2 resolutions:

- Resolution supporting the passage of Senate Bill 1681 and Assembly Bill 1929, which requires the State Office of Emergency Management and the counties and municipalities to include in their respective emergency operations plans provisions to support the needs of individuals with an animal under their care, including a service animal, in a major disaster or emergency
- Resolution supporting the New Jersey State Legislation to control the distribution and/or possession of firearms ammunition

Morris County – resolution opposing the New York/New Jersey/Philadelphia metropolitan area airspace redesign as proposed by the Federal Aviation Administration

City of Clifton, Passaic County – resolution urging Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders to spearhead a county-wide program to reduce population of resident Canada geese

Sussex County – resolution urging Governor Corzine and the state Legislature to Restore all proposed cuts to state aid to county colleges in the FY2007 budget and to provide said aid at mandated statutory levels

Herbert W. Roeschke, Public Health Coordinator, Salem County Department of Health – award letter regarding the 2006 county Environmental Health Act Grant EN06-026

Linda D. Steward, CTA, Salem County Tax Administrator – notice of reorganization meeting and election of officers

Ruth Wright, Elmer resident – note of thanks to the Battiato family for preserving their farm and also to the Freeholders, Sen. Sweeney and Assemblyman Fisher to keep up the good work in Farmland Preservation

Janet Sheridan, Salem City resident – letter of appreciation for the decision of the Freeholders to preserve the Salem County Almshouses and Insane Asylum

Jean Jack, President, Preservation Salem, Inc. – letter supporting all efforts to stabilize the Almshouse

J. Craig Maue, Museum Quality Restorations – letter supporting the preservation of the Almshouse

Ana Tatnall, Woodstown resident – letter supporting the preservation of the Almshouse

Letty Griffin, Woodstown resident – letter supporting the preservation of the Almshouse

Patty Stone, Woodstown resident – note that the Almshouse should be preserved

Ann Kuhl, Woodstown resident – note that the Almshouse should be preserved

Economic Development Associates – monthly report to the Salem County Improvement Authority

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

For the Month of March

Economic Development

Nursing Home (Complete HealthCare)

For the Month of April

Adjuster

Economic Development

Shelter of Hope Population Report

Weights & Measures

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES

Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Advisory Committee April 28th Minutes

Salem Community College Board of Trustees April 13th Minutes

Improvement Authority April 19th Minutes and May 8th Agenda

Library Commission April 17th Minutes

Mental Health Board May 9th Minutes

Office on Aging Advisory Council April 18th Minutes and May 16th Agenda

Public Works Committee May 2nd Agenda

Revolving Loan Fund Board March 30th Minutes

WIB March 28th Minutes

Commission on Women April 11th Minutes

Youth Services Commission & Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition May 3rd Minutes

Freeholder Bobbitt moved to accept the correspondence, the Departmental Reports, and the Committee/commission reports, which was seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. The motion carried a vote of 7-0.

Freeholder Bobbitt moved to pay the bills and claims presented against the County of Salem, which was seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. The motion carried a vote of 7-0.

Freeholder Bobbitt moved to accept the Treasurers Report, which was seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. The motion carried a vote of 7-0.

Director Ware questioned if there were any objections to doing the proposed resolutions in bulk. There were no objections.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE – Ware, Bobbitt, Sullivan

Resolution 2006-213- Finance Resolution Cancellation of Check (Check # 43743)

Resolution 2006-214- Approving a Contract for Services for the County of Salem and Salem County Surrogate's Office (\$5,000 – Computer Environment Solution, L.L.C.)

Resolution 2006-215- Approving Signatories for Required Bank Account

Resolution 2006-216- Approving Signatories for Required Bank Account

Resolution 2006-217- Urging Cooperation and Fairness between the Registered Nurses of South Jersey Healthcare-Elmer and South Jersey Healthcare

Resolution 2006-218- Endorsing the Call by the National Association of Commissions for Woman to Clarify and Strengthen the Wording of the Department of Educations Title IX (Waiver Required)

Freeholder Bobbitt moved to adopt these resolutions, which was seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. On roll call, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a vote of 7-0.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE –Sullivan, Ware, Simmermon

Resolution 2006-218 Rejecting all Submitted Bids for Heating and Air Conditioning Preventative Maintenance and Unscheduled Repair Services for the County of Salem (\$188,280 – Core Mechanical, Inc.)

Freeholder Sullivan moved to adopt this resolution, which was seconded by Freeholder Simmermon. On roll call, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution carried a vote of 7-0.

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – Simmermon, Bestwick, Ware

Resolution 2006-220- Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to R.S. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 (\$89,532 – Public Health Preparedness & Response for Bioterrorism)

Resolution 2006-221-Authorizing an Agreement between New Jersey Transit and the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders for Funding of the FTA Small Urban and Rural Area Public Transportation (Section 5311)

Resolution 2006-222-Authorizing the Filing of Application to NJ Transit and the Department of Transportation, United States of America on Behalf of the County of Salem for a Grant under the Federal Transit Act

Resolution 2006-223-Authorizing the Salem County Office on Aging to Develop a Proposal for New Jersey Transit for the Senior and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Act Funds

Resolution 2006-224-Amending Resolution #2006-91 and Resolution #2006-92 Authorizing a Contract for Adolescent Outpatient Services as Related to the Salem County Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Freeholder Simmermon moved to adopt these resolutions, which was seconded by Freeholder Bestwick. On roll call, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a vote of 7-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Lindenmuth, Bobbitt, Timberman

Resolution 2006-225 of the Board of Chosen Freeholders Executing and Accepting a Grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for the Prosecutor's Office (\$72,300 – Sobriety Checkpoint & Saturation Patrol Project Grant)

Resolution 2006-226 Providing for the Insertion of any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget Pursuant to R.S. 40A:4-87, Chapter 159, P.L. 1948 (\$72,300 – Sobriety Checkpoint & Saturation Patrol Project Grant).

Freeholder Lindenmuth moved to adopt these resolutions, which was seconded by Freeholder Bobbitt. On roll call, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a vote of 7-0.

PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – Timberman, Lindenmuth, Sullivan

Resolution 2006-227 for Final Review of Farmland Preservation Applications for 2007 Round

Resolution 2006-228 for Final Approval Ostrum Farm, Pilesgrove Township Salem County Planning Incentive Grant (Waiver Required)

Resolution 2006-229 approving a Loan from the Salem County Revolving Loan Fund to Kevin and Sheri Krouch.

Freeholder Timberman moved to adopt these resolutions, which was seconded by Freeholder Lindenmuth. On roll call, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a vote of 7-0. Freeholder Bobbitt abstained on resolution 2006-228, which carried a vote of 6/0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – Bobbitt, Bestwick, Simmermon

Resolution 2006-230 Approving Change Order #1 for the Replacement of Long Bank Bridge, County Bridge No. 1701320 in Lower Alloways Creek Township for the County of Salem (\$6,652.74 – R.E. Pierson Construction Company, Inc.)

Resolution 2006-231 to Approve Application for Motorist Solicitation Pursuant to Resolution No. 98-115 (Norma-Alliance Volunteer Fire & Rescue)

Resolution 2006-232 Rejecting Bid Received for Furnishing and Delivering Soil Aggregate Road Gravel and Select Fill Materials to any Designated Location in the County of Salem (Waiver Required)

Freeholder Bobbitt moved to adopt these resolutions, which was seconded by Freeholder Bestwick. On roll call, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a vote of 7-0.

Under New Business, Freeholder Simmermon announced open house at the Salem County Nursing Home. Mentioned dedication of a fish tank, and to see all of the improvements that have been made out there.

Freeholder Sullivan made a motion which stated: In order to insure our fiduciary responsibility to the entire County and assure the viability of our farmland preservation programs, I move that we suspend any further funding for farmland preservation under any Planning Incentive Grant (PIG) until the Salem County Agricultural Development Board has written and adopted specific guidelines for the selection criteria for qualified farms, and financial limitations on the County's portion for obtaining restricted easements. Seconded by Freeholder Timberman. Discussion by Freeholder Bobbitt questioned an explanation of the motion. Freeholder Sullivan responded that with the recent problems concerning the Ostrum Farm guidelines are needed. This will inform the County Agricultural board that guidelines are needed. Freeholder Bobbitt thanked the Freeholders for their efforts in the funding of the Piles Grove Twp. PIG.

Under the public portion of the meeting, Trish Dubois questioned the motion put forth by Mr. Sullivan; he responded that guidelines are necessary. He also stated that the guidelines will be written by the Salem County Agricultural Board.

Cheryl Reardon, thanked the Board for funding the Piles Grove Twp. PIG. She further stated that the recent developments with this process simply can not happen again.

Gary Cury questioned the funding ratio. The Clerk answered that the Freeholder Board adopted the plans submitted by the townships. He then questioned what is open session and what is closed session. Solicitor Voyles responded that topics associated with the acquisition of private lands with public money is closed session material.

Motion to adjourn was made by Freeholder Bobbitt, seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. Carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Earl R. Gage
Clerk of the Board